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Re: Serial No.: 10/083,474
Applicant(s): IRENA BRONSTEIN, ET AL.
Filing Date: FEBRUARY 27, 2002
For: DIOXETANE LABELED PROBES AND DETECTION ASSAYS
EMPLOYING THE SAME
Group Art Unit: 1623
Examiner: UNASSIGNED

SIR:


Attached hereto for filing are the following papers:

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Our check in the amount of \$ -0- is attached covering any required fees. In the event any variance exists between the amount enclosed and the Patent Office charges for filing the above-noted documents, including any fees required under 37 C.F.R. 1.136 for any necessary extension of time to make the filing of the attached documents timely, please charge or credit the difference to Deposit Account No. 50-1442. Further, if these papers are not considered timely filed, then a request is hereby made under 37 C.F.R. 1.136 for the necessary extension of time. A duplicate copy of this sheet is enclosed.

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SIR:

Prior to examination of the above-identified application, and to advance the prosecution thereof, please amend the above-referenced application in the following manner.

IN THE SPECIFICATION

On page 1, before the section heading "BACKGROUND OF THE INVENTION" please insert the following:

ai --This application is a continuation of U.S. Patent Application 09/340,726, filed June 29, 1999 (now U.S. Patent 6,451,531), which is a continuation of U.S. Patent Application Serial No. 09/018,180, filed February 3, 1998 (now U.S. Patent No. 6,063,574), which is a continuation of U.S. Patent Application Serial No. 08/767,479, filed December 16, 1996 (now U.S. Patent No. 5,800,999). The entirety of these patent applications are incorporated herein by reference.--